

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Application No. 10/684,441

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 41 and 44 – 46 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the outstanding final office action, claims 1 – 41 were allowed, claims 44 – 46 merely objected to for dependence upon a rejected base claim, and claims 42 and 47 rejected over the prior art.

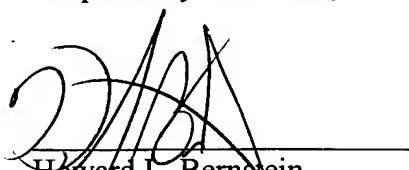
Claims 42 and 47 have herein been canceled. Claims 44 – 46 have been rewritten in independent form, incorporating all the limitations of their base claim.

Accordingly, all claims are now *prima facie* in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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